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To Whom It May Concern:

The American public health is at a high health risk if xenotransplantation (animal-to-human transplants) occur. This procedure without a doubt will introduce deadly new diseases into the human population. To use "other-living-beings" which are different, not only from humans, but also from each other, anatomically, physiologically, immunologically, genetically and right down to basic cellular structure, should be reason enough for this procedure not to occur or even be considered.

Not only will animals be introduced to horrific physical procedures, but humans will also pay the price and suffer in many ways. To introduce into the human body viruses and unknown diseases is definitely not medicine. The American public should be focused on prevention, rather than an unhealthy lifestyle.

There is a reason our immune system is designed to identify and reject foreign objects. To attempt to change our basic structure is against nature and will open up an uncontrollable Pandora's box.

Every year thousands of Americans are buried with organs that are suitable for donation, far exceeding the 3,400 who die while on the donor waiting list. What is being done to increase the number of organ donors?

Sincerely,

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